



LYDFORD & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

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THE 2026 POTATO GROWING COMPETITION



RULES

- The tubers and bag for planting will be provided by LDGC
- The bag must be labelled clearly – label provided by LDGC
- *The potatoes must not be grown in a greenhouse or polytunnel*
- Members to use their own compost - preferably peat free
- The bag will be heavy so for ease of transport on judging day do not water for a couple or so days previously
- The tops of the potatoes should be cut off to approx. 10cm when brought for judging
- The bag will be emptied, the crop weighed and counted, the compost replaced back in the bag with the potatoes piled back on top for members to take back home
- There will be two classes – the heaviest crop and the most potatoes in the crop
- First, second and third prizes will be awarded in each category
- The day of judging will be Saturday 27 June 2026 taking place at Lydford on Fosse Parish Hall from 10.00 am until 11.30 am
- *The tool sharpening man will be in attendance!*

TIPS and GUIDANCE

- Plant when the chits are about 3cm long
- Tip about 10cm of peat free compost into the bag, place the tubers on the compost with the chits/eyes facing upwards and cover with another 10cm of compost and water. When the shoots have reached about 10cm tip on more compost until the tips are just covered and repeat this process covering the shoots as they grow
- The bag should be almost full by the time you've finished
- Feed and water as necessary, soaking thoroughly each time – if you poke your finger in the compost and it comes out dry and clean, they need watering
- Potato flowers are attractive to pollinators!

Enjoy growing your potatoes!